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Librarian hired for Conover, Claremont

Catawba County Library System has hired a librarian to serve both the Conover and Claremont branches, according to Karen Foss, library director.

Siobhan (pronounced Sha-Vahn) Loendorf will add preschool Ready to Learn sessions, computer classes and adult programming for Conover and Claremont branch libraries.

“We are very pleased to welcome Siobhan to our library team to further enhance services at both locations,” Foss said.



Taking the Catawba County post fulfills Loendorf’s dream of working in a public library setting. Her most recent position was at St. Ann Elementary School library, Charlotte.

“I enjoy helping people of all ages, especially kids and older readers,” she said. Her all-time favorite is a children’s book, *Mandy* by Julie Andrews Edwards—a happy ending story about an orphan girl who lives in a room made of seashells.

Loendorf’s unusual first name reflects her Irish heritage. Siobhan is Gaelic for Joan. Both her maternal grandparents and paternal great-grandparents hailed from County Kildare. Born in Matthews, she was reared in Southern Pines where her family worked in horse training and racing. Her grandfather founded Stonybrook Steeplechase. Siobhan, one of six children, occasionally visited the famed Belmont and Saratoga racetracks.

Ever adventuresome, Loendorf spent a gap year after high school as a Rotary exchange student in France. She has since earned a B.A. degree in French education from the University of North Carolina-Greensboro and a M.A. degree in library science from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

“I wanted to become a spy--seriously,” she says, thus her major in French and minor in Russian. Eventually she landed a sales job with a German paper company Julius Glatz, trained in Germany. She has worked in customer service at Clariant and Sabic IP in the Charlotte area.

Loendorf and her family reside in Denver. Her special interests are hiking, movies and reading. She particularly enjoys teen fiction as well as science fiction, fantasy and historical romance.



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